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University of Saint Mary to Hold Outdoor Prayer Service Honoring Pope John Paul II

11:50 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2005

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— The University of Saint Mary will honor the late Pope John Paul II with a prayer service the day of his funeral, at 11:50 a.m. Friday, April 8. The service will be held in the front campus fountain area, located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth. Community members are welcome to attend.

According to University of Saint Mary Campus Minister Kate Faggella-Luby, the service is to celebrate the life of the fallen Pontiff.

“The Pope was such an influential leader, and was so committed to young people, it just seems natural that we should honor his life and his contributions,” she said. “It has been said over and over in the past few days, but he did so many really significant things—his traveling, reaching out to young people, reaching out to other faith traditions, his work on behalf of peace, the poor and for the dignity of human life. As Catholics, we believe that we are supposed to celebrate a person's life, because each person is a gift from God, and now, the Pope has returned to God,” said Faggella-Luby.

Faggella-Luby added that the service will serve as a re-commitment to the ideals the Pontiff supported.

Call 913-758-6146 for more information.

What: Prayer Service Honoring Pope John Paul II

When: 11:50 a.m., Friday, April 8

Where: University of Saint Mary, main front circle, lawn and fountain area
4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth

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